

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended): A method for automatically configuring performance management software in a computer system, comprising:
  - inventorying applications and performance management tools;
  - generating an inventory list of the applications and the performance management tools;
  - using the inventory list, generating a performance management tools configuration consisting of application-specific interfaces, performance thresholds, collection parameters and alarms applicable to specific performance management tools;
  - using the application specific interfaces, coupling the performance management tools to applications the performance management tools are designed to monitor; and
  - restarting the performance management software to engage the configuration of the performance management tools.
2. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the method is executed upon start up of the computer system.
3. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the method is executed on demand.
4. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the method is executed periodically.
5. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the method is executed automatically.
6. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the step of generating the inventory list comprises writing inventory information to an ASCII-format file.

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8. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the inventory step comprises inventorying installed application programs and installed performance management tools.

9. (original): The method of claim 8, further comprising inventorying active application programs and active performance management tools, wherein the active application programs and performance management tools are flagged to indicate an active status.

10. (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
manually amending the inventory list; and  
repeating the step of generating the performance management tools configuration.

11. (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the inventory list and the performance management tools configuration in a memory.

12. (currently amended): An apparatus that configures performance management tools in a computer system, comprising:

a registry that reads information from hardware devices, application programs, and performance management programs;

a kernel coupled to the registry that receives the information read by the registry and writes the information to an inventory file;

a file generator that receives the inventory file and information related to the computer system and generates a performance management tools configuration file, wherein the configuration file consists of application specific interfaces, performance thresholds, and alarms applicable to specific performance management tools, and wherein the application specific interfaces couple the performance management programs to application programs that the performance management programs are designed to monitor; and

an operating system that restarts the performance management programs after generation of the configuration file.

13. (original): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the registry reads the information from hardware devices, application programs, and performance management programs automatically upon startup of the computer system.

14. (original): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the registry reads the information automatically and periodically during operation of the computer system.

15. (original): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the inventory file is an ASCII-format file.

16. (original): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the hardware devices, application programs and performance management tools are installed in the computer system.

17. (original): The apparatus of claim 16, wherein one or more of the installed hardware devices, application programs and performance management tools are active, and wherein the kernel flags the active hardware devices, application programs and performance management tools.

18. (original): The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising an interface that provides manual updating of the inventory file.

19. (currently amended): A method for configuring performance management tools in a computer environment, comprising:

discovering installed application programs in the computer environment;  
discovering installed performance management tools in the computer environment;

discovering active application programs in the computer environment;  
discovering active performance management tools in the computer environment;

generating an inventory file of the installed and the active application programs and performance management tools, wherein the active application programs and performance management tools are flagged;

generating a performance management tools configuration file based on features of the computer environment and the inventory file, where in the configuration file consists of application specific interfaces, performance thresholds, and alarms applicable to specific performance management tools;

using the application specific interfaces, coupling the performance management tools to applications the performance management tools are designed to monitor; and

restarting the performance management tools to engage the performance management tools.

20. (original): The method of claim 19, wherein the discovering steps are performed automatically on startup of the computer environment, and further comprising:

- manually amending the inventory file;
- regenerating the performance management tools configuration file; and
- restarting the performance management tools to engage the performance management tools, wherein the restarting step is performed after the regenerating step.